

*Celebrating the life and death of the
"closed tunnel"
in Agility*

K-9 Kapers

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SPORTSMEN'S EVENTS

Rally & Obedience Practice Matches

2016: 10/14, 11/18, 12/16

Obedience Trials

October 28, 29, 30, 2016

Agility Trials

March 3, 4, 5, 2017

Connie Cleveland is saving March 11 & 12, 2017 for a seminar at Sportsmen's.



Building will be closed for rentals:

Sept 24/25, Oct 2, Nov 5 and 6,
Nov 12/13

Building will be closed for cleaning:

Oct 16,
Nov 6 (Kitchen, meeting room carpets),
Nov 20, Dec 18



COMPETITION RESULTS

(For publication, please send your results to the Editor 2 weeks before publication. This date will be announced on the email list.)



| OWNER/DOG | SPORT/DATE | CLASS | LEG/PL/SCORE | TITLE |
|---------------------------------------|---|---|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| Berger, Cherie/Spruce | AKC OBEDIENCE 9/17 9/18, Trial 1 | | | HC HC/HIT |
| Deyo, Ellen/Cassidy | AKC OBEDIENCE 5/30/15 Tol KC 5/30/15 Tol KC 5/31/15 Tol KC | Beginner Novice | 1/2/188.5 2/1/190 3/1/193.5 | BN |
| | |  | | |
| DeCruydt, Amede/Aspen St. Clair KC | AKC OBEDIENCE 9/17/16 | Utility | -/3/___ | UD |
| Mailloux, Marlene/Taggit | AKC AGILITY | | | MXJ MX |
| | |  | | |
| Keys, Leslie/Hudson St. Clair KC | AKC OBEDIENCE | Beginner Novice | 2/1/197 3/1/196 | BN |
| | AKC RALLY | Novice | 1/1/95 | |
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St. Clair KC

Sutton, Rene/Sir Duncan
9/17/16
9/18/16

AKC OBEDIENCE

Open B

--/3/197
_/4/195
_/1/196.5

Utility B

9/18/16

3/1/192

UD HC/HIT



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BARN HUNT

Novice

3/2

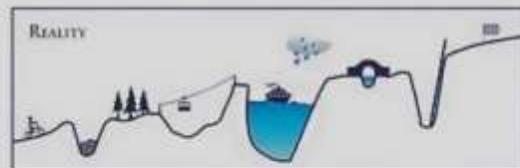
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AKC COURSING ABILITY TEST
July 22, 2016 Marshall, MI 3
Aug 20, 21, 2016, Davisburg MI 4&5

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Training a dog.



HOW DO WE INCREASE PAYING CLASS REGISTRATIONS?

This has been a big question for us lately. One of our efforts has been related to Facebook ads. Below are several recent ads that have been “boosted” and played to thousands of Facebook users within 50 miles of our location. We hope that with these, we can increase our registrations without an excessive advertising cost. You can help, by watching our page: [Sportsmen's Dog Training Club of Detroit](#) (no Inc in the title). When you see an ad or even a fun post, just click on “Share” and share it to your page. That will increase the circulation of the ad.

These are some examples of the ads.



If you have ad ideas, please forward them to Beth Widdows (bew1234@sbcglobal.net). The rules are no more than 20% of the ad can be words. (All of these had to qualify for an exception due to the words included.)

Your Dog Wants Praise Even More Than It Wants a Snack

By [Cari Romm](http://nymag.com/scienceofus/2016/08/your-dog-wants-affection-even-more-than-it-wants-a-snack.html) <http://nymag.com/scienceofus/2016/08/your-dog-wants-affection-even-more-than-it-wants-a-snack.html>



Photo: Tracy Morgan/Getty Images

Beyond our mutual affection, there are plenty of other traits that dogs and humans share: We can **read each other's facial expressions**, for example. We can both be **kind of self-absorbed sometimes**. We both, in our own ways, are **fascinated by poop**. We're both **suckers for praise** — and, for that matter, we're also suckers for **a tasty treat**.

Those last two, though, have just become a little more nuanced: New research shows that most dogs would actually take affection — whether it's a verbal *good boy* or a belly rub — over food. In a forthcoming **study** in the journal *Social Cognitive and Affective Neuroscience*, a team of researchers used fMRI to scan the brains of 15 dogs as their owners either praised them or fed them a piece of hot dog. As *Science* reported, for 13 of the 15 dogs, the areas of the brain responsible for reward and decision-making had equal or greater activity when the dogs were praised, compared to when they were fed. In a second experiment, the study authors put the dogs in a simple maze, with a bowl of food at the end of one path and their owners at the end of another; again, most dogs went for their owner, with the few that had preferred food in the scans as the only exceptions.

As the researchers wrote, the study underscores just how much dogs value social interaction, but it also has practical implications beyond helping owners better understand how to train their pets: “The scientists suggest using brain scans to determine preference could be used to improve the way service jobs are assigned to working dogs,” *Science* noted. “Therapy jobs with close human contact might better suit dogs that have a higher preference for praise, whereas dogs that don't could succeed in more independent roles like search and rescue, where receiving a treat after a job well done would keep them motivated.” Though both options, it bears noting, are probably **much better motivation than a hug**.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE A "DOG PERSON" TO TRULY APPRECIATE THIS STORY

“Stay!”

I pulled into the crowded parking lot at the local shopping center and rolled down the car windows to make sure my Labrador Retriever pup had fresh air.



She was stretched full-out on the back seat and I wanted to impress upon her that she must remain there. I walked to the curb backward, pointing my finger at the car and saying emphatically,

"Now you stay. Do you hear me?"

"Stay! Stay!"

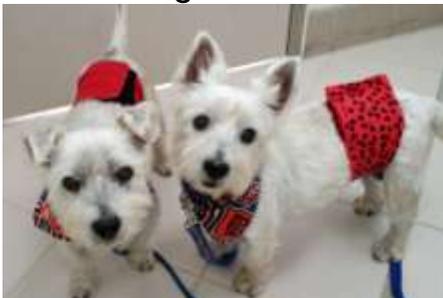
The driver of a nearby car, a pretty young blonde, gave me a strange look and said, (this is going to hurt read on)



"Why don't you just put it in 'Park'?"

FROM YOUR EDITOR

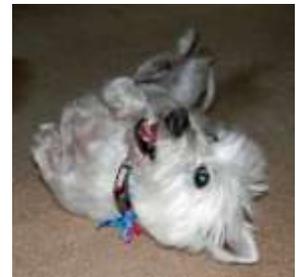
I'm sorry this newsletter was a late, newsletter lite! I've been overwhelmed with foster dogs this month.....if you have fostered, you know what that can mean!



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